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GOSHEN

Residents try to save historic lot

By Shelby Macri

The Williams House was brought up by Bob Labrie at the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, June 12, to get support from his fellow residents to save it.

The Williams House is a historic building in town and the Williams-Boltwood Trust has been dedicated to trying to save it for years. Labrie announced there was an auction on the house held Friday, June 18, and asked residents at the ATM if they'd support saving the building at the auction and

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SAND LOT



The Huntington Recreation Committee has had new sand brought into the playground down at Pettis Field. Hilltown Sand & Gravel generously donated and delivered the sand last week. The Highway department spread the sand under the swing set and around the toddler area. A new toddler swing was also replaced. The committee is very grateful to all who helped in these projects.

Submitted photo

MIDDLEFIELD

Officials against Alt. Assessment

By Peter Spotts

Town officials are recommending against the alternative assessment for the fiscal 2022 Gateway Regional School District Budget Assessment when voters gather on Saturday, June 26, for Annual Town Meeting.

Middlefield voting the alternative assessment down will shift the district assessment method to statutory. Under the statutory method, the town would save \$115,974 compared to the alternative.

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CHESTER

Bylaw changes draw discussion

By Peter Spotts

An attempt to amend the town bylaws and require written permission to hunt on any private property in town was met by stiff resistance among voters at Annual Town Meeting on Monday, June 14.

Moderator Melvyn Hook, speaking as a resident, said from his hunting experience, this amendment would increase the deer population and lead to situations where an injured deer crosses property lines and the hunter has to go get new written permission, leaving it to possibly rot for over a

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WORTHINGTON

Lake honored as Commonwealth Heroine

By Peter Spotts

Healthcare workers were among the important figures working on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic over the past year and Hilltown Community Health Center CEO Eliza Lake has been named a Massachusetts Commission on the Status

of Women's 2021 class of Commonwealth Heroines member for her work during the pandemic.

State Rep. Natalie Blais, D-Sunderland, was thrilled to present Lake with the honor on Friday, June 18, outside the HCHC. Normally, all the heroines would be honored at the

Hall of Flags, which will take place virtually this year. However, that didn't stop Blais from honoring Lake.

"This was an easy nomination Eliza's just been doing so much for the community through Covid," Blais said. "It's sad that we have to do it virtually. One of the nice things is having

everyone together at the state house is you get to connect."

Lake said she was honored to be recognized, but also thanked Blais and the legislature for their support during this difficult year.

"What kept me going was knowing we were all working together," Lake said. "Without the support

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State Rep. Natalie Blais, right, presents Hilltown Community Health Center CEO Eliza Lake with a commendation after being named a member of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women's 2021 class of Commonwealth Heroines.

Photos by Peter Spotts



The Hilltown Community Health Center planted a memorial to staff member Gabrielle Sheridan and all those lost year during the COVID-19 pandemic.

BLANDFORD

ATM approves budget increase

By Mary Kronholm

There were no surprises at Monday night's Annual Town Meeting unless it was Don Brainerd's request to amend the Transfer Station budget with a \$1,500 increase.

According to Brainerd, the employees are paid for 4 1/2 hours but actually work 5 and his amendment will fund the additional half-hour, so the compensation is truly for the actual time worked. There were no objections; the

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HILLTOWNS

More Covid relief money coming; How it will be used is TBD

By Jonah Snowden

As the Mass. Senate and House work to reconcile differences and craft a new state budget to send on to Gov. Charlie Baker, the Baker administration last week announced a plan to spread approximately \$2.815 billion in direct federal aid among local municipalities to target communities that could use an economic boost.

“Key priorities” include housing and homeownership, economic development, local downtowns, job training, workforce development, health care, and infrastructure, Baker said. The money was doled out to states in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the negative impact it has had on local economies.

“Our proposal will immediately invest \$2.8 billion toward key priorities that will help jump-start our economic recovery, with a particular focus on those hit hardest by COVID-19, such as communities of color,” Baker said in a statement.

“With over four million people fully vaccinated, Massachusetts is getting back to normal and back to work, but it is critical that we act now to make these critical investments to keep our recovery moving. Our administration appreciates the collaboration of the legislature and local government in responding to the pandemic, and we all must work together

to distribute funding quickly and efficiently to ensure those hard-hit by the virus receive relief as quickly as possible.”

It’s too early to specify how and where the money will be used locally, but elected officials representing area towns in the legislature have some ideas of their own. Rep. Orlando Ramos, for example, said he would “like to see a more equitable distribution of resources to assist black and brown businesses across the city of Springfield.”

Ramos contends that decades of laws and policy positions put segments of the populations, such as people of color, at a disadvantage, but if used correctly, targeted legislation could help mitigate the damage.

“In addition to that, I have been having conversations at the local and state level, about reserving a certain percentage or a certain amount of money for entrepreneurs across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,” Ramos said.

“There is an income gap that exists in the Commonwealth and across the country and part of the reason why that exists is because of legislation laws that disproportionately impact people of color and laws from the past and continue to haunt us today. Because legislation is what got us into this wealth gap, we must be intentional about using legislation to close it.”

Rep. Jacob Oliveira also shared his thoughts on the proposal and said one thing he would like to prioritize with the funding is job training.

“We should be making sure we invest these onetime dollars in areas where we can get people back to work and train people in order to invest in the areas that will further grow the workforce,” Oliveira said. “Another area in need of investment is community development. Investing in our communities and their projects can help build the economic vitality of our regions.”

Oliveira also said the important thing to know is the Baker administration’s plan is currently an outline and he and Ramos want to make sure they can help steer aid to communities they represent.

“Bureaucrats in Boston don’t know the communities that we represent,” Oliveira said. “The legislators, otherwise known as the people on the ground, know exactly what our communities need.”

Sen. Anne Gobi said using some of the money to boost public projects and private manufacturing could benefit the entire region by creating jobs and providing greater mobility.

“There could be a lot of benefits, especially on the transportation side of things which seem like they will be quite good,” Gobi said.

“The other kind of thought I’m look-

ing at is, the president is talking about a big manufacturing bill that should be coming out shortly as well. I think for the manufacturers in this area there will be a lot of opportunities and some partnerships, so I think we’re going to be in great shape,” Gobi said.

Rep. Todd Smola said he would like to see some of the money spent on education and for town-level officials to have a voice on how to target aid.

“Making sure schools get what they need is a priority,” Smola said.

“The idea is to have a partnership between the state and local municipalities. The problems that Palmer has to deal with are not the same problems Warren has to deal with. It’s not a one size fits all approach,” he said.

“For a lot of areas, I think unemployment is still an issue and there’s a chain reaction with our local businesses. So, getting people back to work and getting them the support they need while at the same time making sure that now the emergency has been lifted in Massachusetts, you have to get the wheels moving again. It takes time to get the wheels moving again. It’s not an easy thing to do.”

To learn more about the direct federal aid, go to mass.gov/orgs/office-of-the-governor/news.

Editor Michel Harrison contributed to this story.

Local students earn honors at Western New England University

Students from across the hilltowns have been named to the President’s List and Dean’s List at Western New England University for the Spring 2021 Semester.

President List honors have been awarded to Nicholas Cooper, finance major, and Evan Lee, marketing, from Chester; Thomas John Hyjek, finance, from Huntington; and Jonathan Edward Foley, electrical engineering, from Middlefield.

President’s List is for achieving a

semester grade point average of 3.80 or higher.

The students named to Dean’s List include Taryn Kubik, a sports management major from Blandford; Naomi Mae Harry, mechanical engineering, and Rebekah Anne Harry, history, from Goshen; Chelsea Contrada and Pavel Usaty, mechanical engineering, from Russell.

Dean’s List is for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

Mobile Market shares close June 30

The Hilltown Mobile Market is back for a third season this summer and fall! Starting in July, the colorful veggie van will visit Blandford, Cummington, Huntington, and Worthington each week for 12 weeks, stocked with the freshest produce from neighborhood farms. Come and get your Hilltown-grown lettuce, squash, potatoes, peaches, and so much more! Many forms of payment are welcome including cash, credit, debit, SNAP (food stamps), HIP, WIC, and Senior FMNP Coupons.

There are also still slots open in the affordable Hilltown Community Farm Share which allows shoppers to choose any five kinds of produce from the van each week. It’s a custom share built around what you like to eat! Shares are available on a sliding scale from

\$5-20 per week and are eligible for a 100% reimbursement through the HIP program. Shares are available until Wednesday, June 30.

The 2021 Schedule is as follows: Worthington Congregational Church, 156 Huntington Rd, Thursdays, 2:00-3:30 p.m.; Cummington Kingman Tavern, 41 Main St, Thursdays, 4:30-6 p.m.; Blandford Post Office, 102 Main St, Fridays, 2:00-3:30 p.m.; Huntington Town Green, 24 Russell Rd, Fridays, 4:30-6 p.m.

For more information visit hilltownmobilemarket.info or contact Seva Water at sevat@hilltowncdc.org or 413-824-1840. The market is supported by Healthy Hampshire, Hilltown Community Development, and the Hilltown Community Health Center.

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PVAG Teen BBQ Challenge July 4

HUNTINGTON — Pioneer Valley Assembly of God will be hosting Teen Challenge on Sunday, July 4. The choir will sing and share their inspirational stories about how they overcame their addictions through faith. The service begins at 10:30 a.m. at 63 Old Chester Road in Huntington; hotdogs and hamburgers to follow. All are welcome.



It Takes a Village wins nonprofit excellence award

HUNTINGTON — It Takes a Village, a small nonprofit based in Huntington, is this year’s winner of the Massachusetts Nonprofit Network’s Nonprofit Excellence Award in the Small Nonprofit category.

This year, a panel of judges reviewed over 180 nominations that represented the incredible work of nonprofits and professionals across the Commonwealth.

“I want to thank you for recognizing the issue of family support as something worthy of an award,” said Mollie Hartford, It Takes a Village’s director of outreach and development, while accept-

ing the award during a virtual ceremony Wednesday. “I imagine there are parents on this call who have felt judgement when they asked for help, so this gives me hope that that culture is shifting.”

Since 2009, It Takes a Village has provided free postpartum and early parenting support to families with infants and young children living in Western Massachusetts and inspired the community to welcome the newest members of their Village. What started with one neighbor supporting one mother has expanded into a Home Visit Program covering 29 towns, a donation and distri-

bution center that has distributed over \$600,000 worth of free maternity, infant, and children’s clothing and gear, and a Parent Support and Education Program with drop-in support groups and a series of free educational workshops for parents.

It Takes a Village was also recently recognized on the floor of the Massachusetts House of Representatives for its work.

Families looking for support and community members looking to get involved can learn more at www.HilltownVillage.org or contact 413-650-3640.

NORWICH HILL

The First Congregational Church of Huntington reminds everyone even though our physical doors are closed until further notice, we are most definitely open for worship, praise, ministry, and fellowship. We are an Open and Affirming Church inviting, welcoming, and affirming everyone — seekers, believers, and wonderers alike — on their journey of faith, to join in 10 a.m. Zoom Sunday worship.

Our reading this week from Mark 5:21-43, invites us into a story about faith and healing as we wonder about feeling drained, being alive but not really living, reaching out and receiving restoration of wholeness within ourselves and community.

The pastor is always available to speak with you. If you do not receive our emails and would like to connect with our Zoom worship service and/or fellowship time, please contact Pastor Carol at firstchurchofhuntington@gmail.com to receive the information you will need to participate or send us a message on Facebook.

Please use the phone numbers and email address provided to stay in touch or to contact the pastor. You are also invited to find us on Facebook at “Norwich Hill” for updates, information, and spiritual encouragement. For more information, please contact 413-667-3935 or 860-798-7771 or firstchurchofhuntington@gmail.com.

Starfires host Hilltown Night Sunday

HUNTINGTON — The Recreation Committee along with the Little League and in conjunction with other towns present “Hilltown Night” at the Westfield Starfires baseball game on Sunday, June 27, at 3 p.m.

Tickets are only \$10, and a ham-

burger, soft drink, and chips can be added on for only \$5. It is general admission and tickets can be purchased directly. The game will be held at Bullens Field 135 King St Ext., in Westfield.

For more information, contact recreation@huntingtonma.us.

Summer camp registration due by July 1

HUNTINGTON — The Huntington Recreation Part-Time Summer Camp returns July 12 and will run Mondays thru Wednesdays.

Camp is open to Huntington residents only and will be held at Pettis Field. Ages 5-7 will meet from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and ages 8-11 from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Children will be grouped by age and involved in many activities including learning, arts and crafts, science and nature, and physical activity. Children

should dress appropriately for outdoor play (no flip flops) and for creative arts and crafts. Field trips are planned with parent participation, mostly on Wednesdays. Siblings may attend together.

The registration fee for all six weeks is \$20. Registration forms are available by contacting recreation@huntingtonma.us. Space is limited for each group and forms are due by Thursday, July 1.

For more information or questions, contact recreation@huntingtonma.us.

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RUSSELL

Yoga on the Mountain at Noble View Outdoor Center

RUSSELL — Sally Barber of the Westfield Yoga Center will lead three sessions this summer at the Noble View Outdoor Center in Russell.

The sessions will take place from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. on Sundays June 27, July 25, and Aug. 22.

Spending time in nature is a great way to counteract stress and yoga is a wonderful activity to relax the body and calm the mind. Come and enjoy the gentle movements and soothing breathing exercises of yoga in a lovely meadow, surrounded by beautiful

trees, with amazing views.

Yoga on the Mountain is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. The suggested donation amount is \$5.

Wear comfortable clothing and bring a blanket or sitting pad to cover the ground. All family members ages 8 and up are welcome. After yoga, feel free to stay, have a picnic, and explore Noble View’s 360 acres of hiking trails.

Pre-registration is required. Please contact Nancy Condon at 413-297-0778 or nancy@paddleforwater.net.

Adopt-A-Trail program training at Noble View begins Saturday, June 26

RUSSELL — The answer to what markers on trees on the trails mean is revealed through AMC’s Noble View Outdoor Center’s new Adopt A Trail program training this Saturday, June 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Anyone who’s ever enjoyed the trails at Noble View Outdoor Center may want to join the training on how Noble View keeps the trails looking so good! Participants will learn basic maintenance skills, how to “blaze” those trail markers

on trees, appropriate tools, and there’s many trails to take care of.

Aaron North, Southern New England Trails supervisor, will lead this program at the Trails office at Noble View. Picnic tables are available for bring-your-own lunch. Gloves, hard hats, and other personal protective equipment and tools will be provided.

For more information and to sign up, please email John York at jhyork178@gmail.com.

MONTGOMERY

Library events planned for July

MONTGOMERY — The Grace Hall Memorial Library would like to send a special thanks to all those who made this year’s Book and Plant sale a success. Proceeds from this sale will help support the Summer Reading Program and other Library events. The library hopes to have a fall Book and Bake sale in October.

Summer Reading at the library is “Tales of Tails” and #Whatsyourfour with lots of new books. Starting on July 8 at 6 p.m. will be “Aesop’s Fables” with Mary Jo Maichack. This live zoom is a make-and-take craft to create a mini theater puppet show. Participants can pick up the free material kit at the library and Zoom invite before July 8; then create puppet shows all summer long!

Ed the Wizard will be at the library on July 13 at 3 p.m. to twist some Balloon Dragons. Come learn how to create these flying creatures with balloons and others out on the Town Hall green.

Then come back on July 15 at 6 p.m. to hear Jay Makita for an outdoor concert. Jay’s family friendly concert “The Day when the Library went wild” will have everyone up and dancing.

Two more prizes have been added to the library raffle — A gift certificate to Grey Catbird Pottery & Gift shop and two hand-blown glass Galileo thermometers. More prizes are coming so come in a get tickets, \$1 each. The drawing will be on Sept. 11.

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

Reinvigorate your strawberry patch and irises too

My strawberry patch has been producing very well this year. But pretty soon the glut will have passed and it will be time to renovate the patch. Sure, it will be hard work, but it's absolutely necessary if you want to keep the berries coming!

First, get up the courage to run the lawn-mower over your row of strawberries. Yes, you heard correctly. This will give you an opportunity to see what you have to work with in a dense planting, as well as cut down on foliar diseases. Set the mower at a height of two and a half to three inches and use the bagger attachment if you have one. Small plantings can be clipped away by hand. Compost the leaves away from your patch.

Now, assess your surroundings and think back to when you were doing all that picking. Was your back sore from reaching in to a very wide row? Were most of your berries on the small side? If you answered yes to both of these questions, then serious renovation is in order.

Use the tiller or a shovel to shrink your row back to a manageable width. Fourteen inches is about as wide as the experts recommend. Choose the healthiest part of your row and measure out 14 inches. Then, remove all the runners that have emerged outside of the boundaries. Those of us in the business of growing things usually find this part difficult. "Can't just this one stay?" Ease your guilt by giving away the extras or use them to start another patch. Next, get rid of any "mother" plants that are four years or older. Unfortunately, they have aged beyond their productivity. Simply dig them up and send them off to the compost pile. Finally, remove daughter plants that are spaced closer than four inches from one another. This is another difficult task, but one that must be accomplished if we want large, healthy berries. As you work within the row, be sure to eradicate any and all weeds that you come upon, since these will compete with your strawberry plants for moisture and nutrients.

Now that your patch has been renovated, it's time to reinvigorate. Add an inch or two of compost or aged manure to the row, along with a sprinkling of balance organic fertilizer. Water at least every other day for the next couple of weeks or until a healthy stand of leaves has returned to the plants. Keep up with weeding, and continue to pinch back runners until frost hits. Managed in this fashion, a strawberry patch can remain productive for five years or more.

Another favorite plant that may be in need of reinvigoration is your iris. If once upon a time they bloomed strong and now there is barely a blossom to be seen, chances are they are overcrowded. It's time to divide them and replenish their soil. In our climate, this should be accomplished every three or four years. Surprisingly, and unlike most other perennials, division of irises should take place no later than July or August. This will give them ample time to take hold in their new location prior to



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Build your own Kubb game this summer

The demand for Kubb sets is growing and just a recap of the game, search online "Kubb Rules/How to Play Kubb."

For those Kubb game players and those who wish to learn, here is a guide on how to make your own set for personal use or for the entrepreneurship-minded who is thinking along the lines of selling them. Because Kubb sets are usually purchased via online, I think there will be a market soon for sets to be sold in novelty shops or from home.

To see how sets are made just go online

— "How to make a Kubb (a.k.a Viking Chess) Game Set-This Old House."

The only change I would make to the video/website is the "batons" should be 1 1/2 inches in diameter and made of "poplar wood." Poplar tree wood has good weight. Douglas fir wood is good for the Kubbs/King.

Kubb is good stuff!

Bill Paul
Subscriber

Keeping connected through the paper

We lived in Huntington just about all our lives until coming to South Carolina about 11 years ago to be nearer our oldest son. All three of our sons graduated from Gateway and I was in first grad class of 1964!

We love it here, but miss family and friends from back home in Western Mass. That is why we have continued our Country Journal subscription to stay in touch a bit. We get it very late, but are still able to catch up.

The Journal was going downhill for awhile with kid stuff editorial quibbling, etc. When the latest changes came, they were very much appreciated. We are familiar with many of the places that Hilltown Hikers go to and to hike via the Journal is special... considering we aren't able to hike the trails like we used to.

We love Deborah Daniels historical articles a lot!! In the May 13th issue about "Watch That Fob" there was a note to let you know if we'd like our email passed along to Dale Cooper, now in South Carolina. Please do that for us. My husband was from Chester and may know some of his relatives. We knew Ralph Williams who used to own gas station, etc., and who was related to the Williams folk of the Quarry. We hung out with his daughter Kay. Also, my husband's aunt, Louise James, was a longtime hit in the older Country Journals. Lou-oise of Russell Baker fame; Rest in peace.

Keep up the much improved journalism and we'll look forward to continued Hilltown History by Deborah.

Jon and Diana Dahill James
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GUEST COLUMN

A missed sign spoils a surprise, but hearts connect just the same

By Julie Midura

I remember the first time Tom and I encountered a backpacker while we were out in the woods on a day hike. After the man passed us, I declared, “I love hiking, but there is no WAY I’d want to lug all of that gear on my back just to spend a night in the middle of the woods. At the end of a long day of hiking, I just want a hot shower and a juicy burger.”

Fast forward to the present day, with dozens of backpacking trips under our belts. The hot shower has been replaced with an ice-cold stream, and the juicy burger has been replaced with food that is eaten out of the bag it has been cooked in.

And, we wouldn’t have it any other way!

Although Tom and I love day-hiking, backpacking allows us to unplug from the chaos of the world for more than just a single day. Falling asleep to the sounds of nature while cocooned between the paper-thin walls of our three-person tent brings the outdoor experience to the next level.

Which is why I chose to celebrate the birthday that brings me closer to 60 than to 50 NOT at a spa but backpacking through the Pemigewasset Wilderness of New Hampshire. I wanted to prove to myself that age is just a number and that I am stronger and more capable than what the date on my birth certificate would suggest.

A 48-mile hike over 12 4,000-foot mountains would do just that.

If you’re ultra impressed with our extraordinary feat of endurance and physical prowess, don’t be. We didn’t complete the loop in one night. We didn’t even get it done in two. Rather, we started at 7 p.m. on a Thursday and finished at noon on a Tuesday. Yes, that means that we were out there for six days.

If we are to receive any accolades, it should be due to the fact that we managed to remain married after hiking up and down mountains all day and then sleeping side by side in a tent for five nights with no shower.

One of the numerous highlights of our extraordinary trip was receiving a video from my daughter midway through our hike, when Tom and I were on the ridge between Galehead Mountain and South Twin.

Prior to our hike, we sent our itinerary to our children so that they would be aware of our planned route. We also sent them one update per day, knowing that they worry about us when we’re out backpacking.

Boy, the tides have turned. It’s like we’re the teenagers now

Unbeknownst to us, our 25-year old daughter Emelie decided to surprise us by climbing Galehead Mountain and waiting for us to arrive on the summit. Although she is working on climbing all



Julie celebrating on Bondcliff – the final mountain of their 48-mile hike.

48 4,000-footers in New Hampshire, she has never climbed Galehead.

She woke at 2 a.m., drove from Boston to New Hampshire, and arrived at the trailhead at 5 a.m. It was still dark outside. Afraid that she’d miss us, she jumped out of her car and raced past the trailhead sign – never giving it a second glance. She hauled herself up the five-mile trail toward the summit. Along with her essentials, she was carrying a birthday card, cookies, and chocolate for me as well as a Father’s Day card and a thermos of hot coffee for Tom.

As she hiked towards the summit of Galehead Mountain, the terrain reminded her of a hike to the summit of Mt. Garfield that she and I had completed together in 2017. She thought that it was strange that the two trails were so similar, but, intent on reaching the summit of Galehead before we did, she brushed it off.

When she arrived at the summit a few hours from the time she started, she immediately realized her mistake.

On her drive to the mountain in the wee hours of the morning, she had shut off her GPS once she arrived at the dirt road leading to the trailhead. What she failed to realize is that there are TWO trailheads a short distance from each other on the same dirt road. She had parked her car at the first trailhead sign she reached – never even looking at the sign in her haste to surprise us on the summit.

As she reached the summit, she realized why the trail had looked so familiar. She was standing on Garfield, not Galehead. She had climbed the WRONG mountain!

I received her video message when I was standing on South Twin. At first, I was disappointed that I had missed out on seeing my daughter in person on the summit; but when I watched the video



After a dozen summits over 48 miles, Tom and Julie enjoying a rest on Bondcliff Mountain. Submitted Photos



Julie and Tom on the summit of Mt. Lafayette while backpacking for five days.

message she sent me from two mountains away, my heart filled with gratitude. I couldn’t possibly have felt her love more than if she had been standing right beside me.

The birthday surprise never happened, but the gift was not the chocolate, the cookies, or the card. It was the knowledge that my daughter had climbed a mountain for me. We may not have been physically connected, but in that moment, my heart could not have been joined more completely with hers.

Five nights... 12 summits... 48 miles... and memories that will last a lifetime!

We fell asleep under the stars.
We awoke with the sun.
We tasted freedom.
We heard silence.

We inhaled serenity.
We talked. We listened. We laughed.
We rejoiced on every summit.
It’s amazing how little we need in this life to be truly happy.

Once we arrived on Bondcliff – the final mountain of our hike – we remained on the summit for over four hours. We placed our Z-Rest sleep pads on a flat rock, laid on our backs, and closed our eyes while the billowing white clouds floated above us.

There was nowhere we needed to be. There was no need to rush down. Since we planned to primitive camp for one final night, we had all the time in the world.

And we used it wisely.
And that, my friends, is backpacking!

GARDEN

the ground freezing.

At first glance the act of dividing irises may appear to be difficult. An overgrown iris patch does look like a maze of thick roots, but take heart, the rhizomes are shallow rooted and come out of the ground with relative ease. Start digging at the outer edge of the clump, lifting as you go. Once the entire clump is removed, rhizomes can be pried apart by hand. The healthiest “fans” of foliage are those the furthest from the center. Leave about 2 inches of rhizome attached to each fan for replanting.

If you are changing your site altogether, keep in mind that irises need at least six hours of full sun a day for optimal flowering. They despise “wet feet,” so plant where drainage is good. If

your soil is lean, compost can be added to richen it up. While you’re at it, add a sprinkling of lime as well; irises prefer a soil near neutral. Dig a shallow hole wide enough to fit the rhizome. Make a ridge of soil in the hole for it to sit on so that its fibrous roots can hang down. The top of the rhizome should be level with the soil surface and exposed, not buried. This goes for bark mulch as well, keep it clear or blooms may be sacrificed. If your irises hardly flower but aren’t overcrowded and are planted where they receive enough sun, assess your planting depth and adjust if necessary.

Examine your rhizomes closely when replanting. If you notice a lot of soft, rotten tissue, your iris patch could be infected with the iris borer. Usually

by midsummer, one to one and a half inch larvae have made their way from the leaves into the rhizomes. They hollow out the fleshy roots causing foliage to collapse and rot to take over. Control this pest by proper sanitation. In the fall, after a hard frost, cut iris foliage back to the ground as low as possible. Throw it and any nearby debris or mulch away. With any luck, overwintering eggs will be removed by your efforts. In the spring, about the time that the tulips are blooming, inspect iris foliage for chewn edges, small holes, or tan colored water marks running down the leaf. If these are present, tiny larvae can be crushed inside the leaf before they burrow into the rhizome.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at

the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.



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BLANDFORD

Historical Society concerts to fundraise for church restoration

BLANDFORD — Over the last several years, the Historical Society has worked on necessary restoration of the White Church of Blandford. The work is in anticipation of the 200th Anniversary of The White Church next year, 2022, during Blandford Fair week.

This project has been made possible through the years of fundraising effort by numerous individuals and organizations, as well as major capital support from the commonwealth of Massachusetts in the form of a matching grant.

This August, three fundraising concerts are planned. The Bad News Jazz and Blues Orchestra will return on Saturday, Aug. 7. Pianist Liam Kaplan will perform on Saturday Aug. 21 and the Annual Bel Canto Opera will again showcase rising young opera artists from the New York scene on Saturday, Aug. 28.

More information is available on the Historical Society’s Facebook page.

The Historical Society will park cars in the White Church area during the Blandford Fair to raise money to support the ongoing preservation of the structure. John Crane will organize volunteer car-parkers. If anyone can donate a block of time during the Labor Day Weekend fair to help with parking, or cover the South Gate, please email parking coordinator Crane at JFC165@verizon.net.

BUDGET

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Finance Committee approved the amendment to raise and appropriate \$1,500 and, according to Town Administrator Joshua A. Garcia, the amount “is absorbable by the budget as there is a small surplus available.”

The operating budget for the town with the additional \$1,500 became \$2,212,286.02, which was approved unanimously.

Voters conducted business in 41 minutes with consent agendas bundling multiple articles into one vote.

Big ticket items included \$1,646,875 for the Gateway Regional School District’s alternative assessment; \$120,000 for Vocational Education and \$30,200 for vocational transportation.

Voters approved moving \$512,000 from free cash to several accounts, \$287,000 to Capital Projects, \$100,000 to Emergency Stabilization, another \$100,000 to pay down the principal of the road bond debt and \$25,000 to the Library Building Stabilization Fund.

The Water Department operating account was approved at \$541,982 as well as transferring from their Retained Earnings \$5,000 to the Water Stabilization account and an additional \$188,088 for Water Capital Expenses. An additional \$135,000 was moved from the Water Stabilization Fund to the Water Breaks and Repair account to cover the cost of the water break on Russell Stage Road. This amount does not include re-paving the road.

The Municipal Light Plant’s broadband costs were covered unanimously to the tune of \$570,000.

The general bylaw change shifting the Annual Town Meeting from the first Monday in May to the first Monday in June was the warrant article that engendered the most discussion. There were questions about why the change was necessary, concern for students out of school and voters leaving for vacations. Students are still in school the first week in June, which allayed those issues. It was explained by Garcia, Select Board Chair Cara Letendre and echoed by the Town Clerk’s office that moving the meeting allowed more time for Finance Committee and Select Board to work together to complete the budget and be more accurate. Letendre said that by having the election new town officials would take office closer to the start of the new fiscal year and enable a smooth transition. The bylaw changes included dropping

dog license fees for residents 70 and older to take effect with the 2022 tags and permitting the Town Clerk to make non-substantive changes to the bylaws such as grammar, formatting and numbering.

Voters adopted the provisions of state law Chapter 39 Section 23D, which states “Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, upon municipal acceptance of this section for 1 or more types of adjudicatory hearings, a member of any municipal board, committee or commission when holding an adjudicatory hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to that member’s absence from no more than a single session of the hearing at which testimony or other evidence is received. Before any such vote, the member shall certify in writing that he has examined all evidence received at the missed session, which evidence shall include an audio or video recording of the missed session or a transcript thereof.”

The written certification shall be part of the record of the hearing.

And lastly, voters authorized the Select Board to petition the legislature to provide a property tax exemption as an incentive for the town’s resident Volunteer Firefighters. The board will come up with a dollar amount or percentage.

At the end of the meeting, Teri Garfield spoke to recognize Michele Crane’s years of service to the town as a member and chair of the Gateway Regional School District School Committee. Chips Norcross, Historical Society President reported that Michele Crane is now the society’s secretary and that 90% of the restoration of The White Church has been completed and the society looks forward to the town-wide celebration of the 200th Anniversary of its construction next year. Municipal Light Plant Chair Peter Langmore announced that Blandford’s Broadband service has officially arrived with a 79.77% sign on.

Immediately prior to the meeting, the Select Board with Moderator Dave Hopson and Assistant Town Clerk Mary Kronholm appointed Deb Brodie and reappointed Janet Lombardo to the Finance Committee. There are still two vacancies on finance and anyone interested should contact Lombardo, one of the select board members or the town administrator. Town election is Saturday, June 26, and the Select Board will meet on Monday, June 28.

CHESTERFIELD

Library events begin Wednesday, July 7

CHESTERFIELD — The Chesterfield Library will be holding summer events under the big top tent at the Old Town Hall starting with Animal Tales on Wednesday, July 7.

Animal Tales will feature award-winning storyteller Diane Edgecomb and will start at 10:30 a.m. The event is funded by the Chesterfield Cultural Council and the Friends of the Library.

The Tanglewood Marionettes will feature An Arabian Adventure on Wednesday, July 14, at 10:30 a.m. The event is funded by the Chesterfield Cultural Council and the Friends of the Library.



Residents discuss one of the articles at Annual Town Meeting on Monday, June 14.
Photo by Peter Spotts

BYLAW

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day. He said good hunters already are getting permission, just not through paperwork.

“If they’re going onto a property without permission, then they’re not a good hunter,” Hook said.

Chester Hill landowner Ernie Murphy agreed, noting Tolland adopted a similar change 30 years ago and it has effectively closed hunting on private land across the town.

“No landowner is going to give you permission under these conditions,” Murphy said.

Another Chester Hill resident disagreed; she had an incident where a hunter shot a deer without permission on her property and the only punishment was a \$50 fine.

“My problem is they park along Abbott Hill,” she said. “Everybody runs to Chester to hunt. I don’t want them on my property...This is our land. We pay the taxes, we maintain it. I can’t be out in the woods all the time to see who’s parking [there].”

Michael Amelia voiced the possibility of changing the bylaw proposal, so the landowner had to do all the legwork for the permission paperwork instead of the hunter. Stephen Salvini questioned the fine line between hunting and retrieving and how that would fall under the bylaw. Roseanne McClafin argued the bylaw won’t change anything from its current state.

“The people who are going to ignore the laws won’t follow it anyway,” she said.

The article failed with 12 in favor, 27 opposed.

Article 15 asked voters to approve a Code Enforcement Liens Bylaw. Building Inspector Jason Forgue said the bylaw was looking to solve Chester’s issue of not being able to enforce fines by attaching them to tax bills.

“Fines are accruing, but there’s no way to collect unless the property transfers,” Forgue said.

One inquiry made a good point about hoe enforcement would work for tax exempt properties, to which Forgue said they will have to work around that situation. Forgue said they typically allow 30 days to respond. The article was approved.

Article 16 was approved soon after, putting a cap on the Building/Zoning Department Revolving Fund for fiscal 2022 at \$15,000. This money is used for filings and court fees. Without a cap, the money will keep accruing and sitting in the account. Once the cap is reached, excess funds will go into estimated receipts and the general fund.

Article 17 was an amendment to the Junk Car Bylaw. The current bylaw lacks enforcement because there is no hearing or appeals process in place, which the changes would add.

“It gives us actual enforcement,” Forgue said. “Is there an appeals process? No. There is if we approve this.”

Each property will be allowed one “junk” car with no plates. Forgue said he’s not going around properties

looking through windows to see if there’s more than one car on the property. However, in response to Frank Pero’s concern about a neighbor calling the town to look into their neighbor’s property, Board of Health Chair Elizabeth Massa said they would have to look into a report if one is made.

The Article passed. Article 18 passed, approving the Junk Vehicle Abatement Program revolving fund limit at \$5,000.

Article 19, providing recall elections in the Town of Chester, passed as well. This allows for an elected official to be recalled by at least 25 residents.

“Without a recall bylaw, someone can be elected to a position and never show up,” Selectman John Baldasaro said.

Michele Kenney asked if a recall has ever been used in town before.

“Yeah, it was used on me,” Baldasaro said, who was recalled when he was elected to the board in the 1990s.

However, Town Clerk Rosemary Dalesandro voiced her concern that the article has no restriction on why someone could be recalled. She’s concerned about who will pay for elections, especially if people start recalling officials they don’t like as there’s no restrictions or cause outlined.

The article passed.

Article 20 made a variety of changes to the current Dog Control bylaw; the change garnering the most discussion on ATM floor was if licenses should be renewed every three years or annually. Dalesandro lobbied for every three years, but said she was fine working with either, while Animal Control Officer Terry Donovan supported it being annually. The article passed with one-year renewals. Another change added in the bylaw amendments is there will eb no fees for any resident over the age of 70.

The final article of the ATM was a citizen’s petition to cap wind energy conversion facilities at 80 feet instead of 420 feet. Baldasaro said the petition change wouldn’t be accepted by the Attorney General because, as a green community, Chester can’t prohibit wind facilities in town.

“If you put a regulation that makes wind towers ineffective, you’re effectively not allowing wind turbines, which isn’t allowed,” he said.

Massa, who submitted the petition, made a motion to amend her petition and limit the capacity of a wind turbine to 600 Kilowatts and cap the number allowed in town at one. Planning Board Chair Lyle Snide said limiting the number could also lead to issues with the Attorney general’s office.

“Would they consider that an unnecessary restriction if we limit it to one? I think they would,” he said.

Voters did not approve the proposed amendment.

Finance Committee member Andy Myers spoke against the motion as he feels it needs more study. Voters agreed as Article 21 was voted down.

OTIS

Schoolhouse grant has project \$30,000 from completion

By Sonia Morrison & Diane Provenz

OTIS — The Massachusetts Historical Commission has awarded the Town of Otis a matching funds grant for \$51,500 to start the restoration of the East Otis Schoolhouse.

This grant, plus the funds that the Town had set aside several years ago, will be used to address overall exterior stabilization including roofing replacement, foundation masonry repairs, carpentry repairs to windows, doors, clapboard and trim, and exterior painting.

Receiving this grant is such a great affirmation by the Commonwealth of the project and the town’s vision to preserve and repurpose this unique property. This particular building is a rare example of a one-room schoolhouse that remained in use till the mid-

20th Century. As part of the reopening of the building, the Town will be recognizing the last attending class which included Bill Dyer and Walter Neff. If anyone knows or has the names of others who were part of this class, please contact otishistoricalcommission@gmail.com.

The East Otis School House was constructed in 1858 and reflective of the Greek Revival style, was last used as a school in 1949. The Town has continued to maintain the former school for the past 72 years ever since it was closed. After the restoration work has been completed, the building will serve as a living children’s museum. The OHC is collecting and storing desks and artifacts that can be placed in the building once it is restored. This historic structure which has been placed on

the MA Historic Register is now pending individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The OHC would like to give special thanks to member Gail Gelburd, who wrote much of the grant; Co-Chair Sonia Morrison, worked on the construction and cost estimates; Otis Preservation trust President Lynne Geane, who used her artistic talents to put the whole submission together; and to Historical Preservationist Bonnie Parsons, whose wealth of information on all things Historical provided the important data. In this case, it truly takes a village.

The OHC needs the community’s assistance. While the OHC and OPT are delighted to receive this MPPF grant and thank the Town for setting aside the funds to match it, they didn’t

receive all that had been asked for. The project is \$30,000 short of the funds to complete this phase.

Anyone wishing to donate or discuss naming rights can go to OPTIN.TODAY to donate or send a donation to the Otis Preservation Trust, PO Box 355, Otis, MA 01253. For more information, contact otishistoricalcommission@gmail.com.

In addition to this grant, OPT has raised \$100,000 in support of the Historical Commission’s projects including the restoration of St Paul’s, improving the Knox Trail, and creating an historic district in the Center of Otis.

The OHC and OPT are excited to get work going on this project and are grateful for community participation, support, and suggestions as the process moves forward.

MIDDLEFIELD

MIDDLEFIELD SENIOR CENTER

Lunch is served at the Senior Center, 169 Skyline Trail, Middlefield, each Wednesday at noon.

A \$3 donation is suggested. Reservations should be made, and meal choice stated, by calling and leaving a message at 413-623-9990 the Monday

before. Pick-up and delivery are available.

The menu on Wednesday, June 30, is homemade meatloaf with gravy, steamed broccoli, whipped potatoes, whole wheat bread, and diced pineapple.

ASSESSMENT

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“Since the alternative assessment will take effect if, and only if, it is adopted by all six towns, Middlefield’s ‘no’ vote will effectively kill this measure,” stated the Finance Committee in the warrant.

Articles 1 through 12 handle annual warrant business and the town budget. This year’s budget has kept increases from fiscal 2021 to a minimum outside of required insurance and wage increases.

Article 17 asks residents to approve a revolving fund for the Transfer Station. This fund will collect Transfer Station fees and can use them on the attendant’s salary, capital equipment, grounds improvement, or other related expenses that would benefit the transfer station. This account would have a cap of \$7,500 or fiscal 2022.

Article 19 asks the town to authorize the Board of Assessor’s to be able to appoint one of their board members to also serve as the assessor’s clerk. Article 20 will accept Franklin Regional transit Authority as the official transportation agency for the Council on Aging.

Article 22 will transfer \$13,130 from the fiscal 2021 fuel account to cover the overages in the snow removal account. Snow removal typically goes over budget every year and funding the difference is an annual occurrence at ATM each year.

Article 23 will use \$68,000 from free cash to offset the tax rate by about \$1, if approved. Article 26 will replenish free cash from the stabilization fund with \$40,000.

The couple capital items on the warrant appear. Article 24 asks to raise and appropriate \$27,894 for an off-road rescue vehicle for the Fire Department. This will be a new vehicle. There have been several incidents where one has

had to be borrowed from another town.

“There’s not going to be many incidents, but when you need it, you need it,” Town administrator Duane Pease said.

Article 25 has several funding sources to purchase and install a replacement Western Star chassis for the 2012 International tandem plow axle truck. The article asks for \$100,000 to be raised and appropriated, \$50,000 from free cash, and \$75,000 to be borrowed.

Article 28 asks for \$10,000, raised and appropriated, to be used to repair cracks in the surface of the Town hall basketball court, apply a new one-inch asphalt top court, and line the court to meet current NCAA guidelines.

Article 29, a discussion on the future of ambulance service for the town, has been rendered moot as Hilltown Community Ambulance has withdrawn interest from the town.

Article 30 is a citizen’s petition to authorize the town to continue employing Fire Chief Ronald Radwich. The petition states Radwich could continue until Oct. 26, 2025, until he retires, or until relieved by the Selectboard. Radwich requires the special legislation to keep serving due to his age.

Annual Town Meeting will start at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 26, at the Middlefield Fairgrounds. The Cow Barn offers plenty of room and shelter and was successful last year. A larger attendance is expected this year and COVID-19 safety is still a priority. The Selectboard is working on establishing a sound system to ensure everyone is included in the meeting.

The Annual Town Election will be held at the Town Hall on June 26 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For a full copy of the warrant, visit middlefieldma.net.

GOSHEN

COA gathering to be held July 22

GOSHEN — The Goshen Council on Aging will have a small get together at the Tilton Field pavilion on Thursday, July 22, at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome

to join and should bring their own chairs. Wear a mask if it feels more comfortable. The COA will be following the COVID-19 rules at the time of this event.

HISTORIC

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at the Selectboard meeting he scheduled on Wednesday, June 16.

During the ATM, residents stood up in the crowd to show they’d support saving the Williams House; around 25 people accompanied Labrie to the Selectboard meeting and the Williams House auction to show that they’d like to see the building be saved.

During the June 16 Selectboard meeting, there were questions asked and the board decided they had to speak to the town attorney before answering or firmly deciding on anything.

After meeting with their attorney, the Selectboard announced they would hold a meeting right before the auction. It was held in executive session and decided then they would put a deed restriction on the house saying the buyer couldn’t demolish or disassemble the house after purchase. The deed restriction option was proposed by the Town Treasurer and Collector Jennifer Day as a way to keep the historic house whole and in town regardless of buyer.

“At the end of the day we wanted it to stay in Goshen and not be torn down,” Labrie said. “We understood they [the Selectboard] went into the executive session for the deed restriction, but we didn’t know they said yes until the beginning of the auction.”

The auctioneer began the auction with saying there was a deed restriction on the house, which surprised and pleased Labrie and the crowd of almost 30 residents who attended.

The Williams-Boltwood Trust considered buying the house to save it, but Labrie said they were legally unable to do so because a member of the Ruth Babcock Trust is also member of the Williams-Boltwood Trust, making them unable to purchase the house. The Ruth Babcock Trust is responsible for paying the houses taxes; this trust was set up by the Williams family to pay the taxes and incidental expenses of the property. The Williams-Boltwood Trust was created to acquire, renovate, and preserve the history of the house including the contents and lives of the families that lived in the house since 1779.

Labrie and the other members of the Williams-Boltwood Trust were concerned about not being able to purchase or preserve the building, then they found an Angel investor Kamille Osborne.

“We were lucky to receive what we call an angel investor, she and her fami-

ly agreed with what the trust wanted to do. We’re grateful for their help,” Labrie said.

Osborne was the only bidder at the auction which started at \$10,000. After a sidebar between the auctioneer and Town Collector, the auctioneer asked for \$60,000 and Osborne accepted, becoming the new owner of the Williams House.

Currently the Williams-Boltwood Trust is doing research on how they can acquire the Williams House to renovate the building and preserve its historic value. The trust currently has all the trinkets and historic contents that were in the Williams House in storage so their safe and accounted for.

“This was the outcome we were looking for and the deed restriction doesn’t bother us, we’re going to work with Kamille to find out how to transfer the house to the Williams Trust,” Labrie said. “We’re researching what we have to do and if Tracy has to leave the trust for us to get it.”

This week the trust is looking into ways and requirements for the Williams-Boltwood Trust to be in possession of the house. After the research is done and the house is transferred to the trust the next step will be to clean, renovate, fix up, and organize the house so it can be used in the community again. Labrie shared that the preservation of the house is a more open option, and they’d like to see the Selectboard, or other boards, hold meetings in the house as it was used for meetings before. Labrie said when they got feedback on the house and it’s possible uses; many people said they’re okay with it being a museum, but they don’t want the museum to be boring as many other museums come off to be. Labrie assured the trust is listening to the residents’ suggestions and they’re doing what they can to make sure the building’s outcome isn’t boring.

While there are plenty of ideas for its use, the Williams house has an cost of \$1 million for renovations of the structure and those must be done before its use is finalized.

For now, supporting residents can bask in the success of the auction and the partnership between Osborne and the Williams-Boltwood Trust. Labrie said he was thankful to those residents who showed up in support of the historic building.



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BECKET



Julie K. PHOTOGRAPHY

Congratulations!

Paula and Dwayne Long of Becket happily announce the engagement of their daughter, Hannah Ivey Long to Ian Mitchell. Hannah grew up in Montgomery and attend Westfield High, Ian is from Upstate New York. Both reside in Pittsfield and hope to be wed next year.

Submitted photo

Local resident named to Dean’s List

BECKET — Libby Walker of Becket was named to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2021 Semester at the University of Rhode Island.

To be included on the Dean’s List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades

which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

Board discusses vacant home and lot enforcement

By Shelby Macri

BECKET — The Selectboard discussed bylaws regarding vacant homes and a project for McNerney Road on Wednesday, June 16.

In a previous Selectboard meetings, the board members brought up a specific vacant house and had questions on the town bylaws, so the Building Inspector William Girard attended the last Selectboard meeting to answer their questions and further discuss the enforcement of the bylaws.

Selectboard member Michael Lavery mentioned the bylaws for vacant and abandoned buildings were accepted at a previous Annual Town Meeting and asked what the proposed enforcement from the meeting was. Girard explained he’s following the enforcement process, but it includes getting the owner or tenant of the building to the table to discuss the next steps to take. Town Administrator William Caldwell said it’s hard to get in contact or track down buildings owners as they aren’t around; if they were the building wouldn’t be vacant or abandoned.

There was a specific property in town brought up during the meeting and Girard mentioned it’s a property that he is working on, but he can only get so far as he needs to proceed with the owners of the house. The Police were brought

up as an option, though it was explained they’re only involved in the situation if the case goes to court otherwise it’s solely on the Building Inspector. To give Girard more options for the situation, and perhaps more control, he was named the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

As of right now nothing in the process of enforcement has been changed, and there is no follow-up meeting currently scheduled. Although Caldwell said there might be a future meeting on the topic as enforcing these bylaws is not an easy task, the Selectboard is keeping watch of a specific vacant property in town, and they are actively thinking of a way to deal with the property.

The board also discussed a possible project on McNerney Road; Caldwell said they just recently put in a grant application for repairs to the road. One of the reasons mentioned in the application is that the road is used emergency services as its the primary road for ambulances getting into and out of for town.

The road leads into Pittsfield which is where the hospital is located that all ambulances bring Becket residents to, the road needs to be in good condition for this use. Caldwell said the road is in poor condition and is one of the most travelled roads in town, the board is hopeful to receive the grant to fix this road.

Athenaeum events continue this week

BECKET — The Becket Athenaeum continues its summer events on Thursday, June 24, with a NASA Ambassador Presentation on the Curiosity and Perseverance’s Mars rovers will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The presentation will include the Perseverance helicopter, Ingenuity; the current human diversity and continued need for more diversity in the space program; and the Artemis mission to the Moon with its explicit goal of diversity. Pre-registration is required.

Community Drumming with Otha Day will be held on Saturday, June 26, at 1 p.m. Pre-registration is appreciated.

Cookbook Club will meet on Wednesday, June 30, at 6 p.m. Prepare a dish from “In Pursuit of Flavor” by Edna Lewis to share at the outdoor meeting, under tents. Message info@BWLibrary.org to request a copy of the cookbook and notify the club of the recipe selected.

Book Club returns on Tuesday, July 6, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for “The Night Swim” by Megan Goldin. Message

info@BWLibrary.org to for details regarding the Zoom meeting to an offsite outdoor meeting.

Storytelling by Motoko will be held on Saturday, July 10, from 1 to 2 p.m. It will eb held outdoors under tents at 12 Brooker Hill Road behind the Mullen House and across the street from the library. Seating will be on grass and participants should bring their own blanket.

The outdoor book sale will also be held on July 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations are accepted.

Garden of the Goddess Owner Pat Perkins will host a Garden Composting Workshop on Sunday, July 11, at 10 a.m. For more information, contact info@BWLibrary.org.

Eshu Bumpus will host storytelling on Saturday, July 31, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It will be held outdoors under tents at 12 Brooker Road. Pre-registration is accepted.

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WORTHINGTON

Worthington Golf Links presents the Pousette-Dart Band

WORTHINGTON — The Worthington Golf Links announced Jon Pousette-Dart and his band will be appearing for one night only in western Massachusetts on Thursday, Aug. 26, and have selected Worthington as the venue.

“We could not be more excited to host Pousette-Dart this summer at the Links,” said David and Helen Pollard, owners of the Worthington Golf Links. “We have fond memories of seeing Pousette-Dart live back in the day and cannot wait for this special evening of great music by this great artist.”

The Worthington Golf Links has been steadily expanding its summer concert series in recent years and is fast becoming a must stop for regional and local bands. With this season’s Pousette-Dart show, the Links is establishing itself as a venue of choice for top tier acts.

“Very much looking forward to playing back in the Berkshires,” Jon Pousette-Dart said. “We played so many great rooms out there including the old Rusty Nail, which was a frequent room we played many times back in the 70’s. Will be with Eric Parker, longtime drummer with PDB, Jim Chapdelaine, superb guitar slinger who has been working with me for over two decades now, and my old bud Steve Roues on bass, who I played with back in high school.”

Tickets for the August 26th Pousette

Dart show are available at www.eventbrite.com/e/the-jon-pousette-dart-band-in-concert-tickets-156266650759.

All tickets are \$30 plus processing fee for Lawn General Admission. Blankets and lawn chairs are welcome. No outside alcohol allowed. Food and adult beverages will be available for sale.

The Links at Worthington, founded in 1904, is a 10-hole golf course nestled in the foothills of the Berkshires. The course boasts small sloping greens and tight tree-lined fairways. Stately pines and groves of maples are spread throughout, and a well-positioned creek cuts through the tenth hole. The roughs are thick, and fifteen strategically placed

bunkers will keep you on your toes. The links will challenge the low handicapper as well as provide an enjoyable round for the recreational golfer.

Jon Pousette-Dart is best known as an American Classic and Folk-Rock songwriter, musician, and performing artist. Growing up in Suffern, New York with a household of artists, including his father, grandfather, and sister, he separated himself by picking up a guitar at the age of 10 and mapping out a life in music before he ever attended a little league game. Since then, it’s been a long and well-traveled road in the world of music.

EVENTS RETURN



Worthington Council on Aging kicked off its new season under the new gathering guidelines on Monday, June 14, at the Worthington Town Hall. Members were entertained for 90 minutes by Phil Darrow, Jeff Knox, and Caleb Harris. The music presentation by the group included Irish tunes, jigs, and other similar pieces. The trio entertained the guests with guitar, mandolin, banjo, and bass. Harris related his travel stories and gave antidotes pertaining to the music pieces being played. The event was enjoyed by all.

Submitted photo

Library announces scholarship recipients

WORTHINGTON — The Worthington Library is proud to announce the recipients of the 2021 Worthington Library Scholarship Awards. Madeline Moynihan of Easthampton High School and Katarzyna Wisnauckas of Hampshire Regional High School will each receive a \$500 award. Applicants were asked to write an essay about their favorite book and what it has taught them.

“After reading ‘Just Mercy’ by Bryan Stevenson, I realized I wanted to take my passion to abolishing the death penalty and become a civil rights attorney,” wrote Moynihan, who will attend Santa Clara University in the fall.

Wisnauckas had fond memo-

ries of her early days in the Library’s Junior Readers Club and expressed a deep appreciation of Oaks and Acorns, a library reading program pairing senior citizens with young children. Wisnauckas, who will major in engineering at Smith College, chose “In the Time of the Butterflies” by Julia Alvarez, a historical novel based on the lives of four sisters living in a country ruled by a dictator.

Wisnauckas wrote, “I feel their strength in knowing that I can be useful.”

Information on supporting the Worthington Library Scholarship Awards is available at www.theworthingtonlibrary.org.

Council On Aging to picnic deadline Monday, June 28

WORTHINGTON — It is time for the annual Council on Aging Summer Picnic!

The COA will be hosting a drive-thru picnic at the Worthington Congregational Church on Monday, July 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is reservation only.

Food will be provided by resident Rick Messier and his Worthy-Que Smoke N’ BBQ for curbside pick-up.

Call 413-238-1999 to reserve a meal. Deadline to register is Monday, June 28.

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WORTHINGTON

Sevenars announces 53rd concert season lineup

WORTHINGTON — Sevenars Concerts, Inc., is excited to announce its 53rd anniversary season of summer concerts.

The music festival, held at the historic Academy concert hall in Worthington, was once named by Time Magazine as “one of the best small music festivals in the USA” and stays close to its roots, pairing professional musicians from the Schrade and James families with other nationally and internationally known artists in an intimate idyllic setting near a rushing brook.

Concerts are held on Sundays starting at 4 p.m. at 15 Rieland Street just off Route 112. Concerts began on July 11 and will run thru Aug. 15.

Sunday, July 25, will feature Jiayan Sun on piano in “All Beethoven.” Sun has been praised for “jaw-dropping brilliance,” “revelatory” performances, and “technically flawless, poetically inspired, and immensely assured playing.” He has performed with major orchestras internationally and has been broadcast by the BBC, the RTÉ, and radio stations worldwide. He has performed at the Verbier Festival, the Aspen Music Festival, and others, as well as winning prizes at many major international piano competitions in Leeds, Dublin, Cleveland, and more.

He will perform Beethoven’s final monumental Piano Sonatas, Op. 109, 110, and 111, a restitution of Beethoven’s 250th anniversary commemoration.

Sunday, Aug. 1, will feature the Taconic Chamber Players in Music of Beethoven, Rachmaninoff, Jessie Montgomery, and Stephen Dankner. This powerhouse ensemble led by violist Ariel Rudiakov and violinist Joana Genova will bring to Sevenars a magnificent program of string quartets, including Beethoven’s riveting Op.18, No. 1, Rachmaninoff’s stunning String Quartet No. 1, Jessie Montgomery’s energizing “Strum,” and a quartet by Berkshire treasure, Stephen Dankner. Favorites at Sevenars from the days when they rocketed the Manchester Music Festival to prominence, the stellar Genova-Rudiakov team has now directed their musical and communicative gifts — and decades of international touring and recording experience — to building the rapidly growing Taconic Music Festival, and Sevenars is ecstatic to host them again in the acoustic gem that embraces their sound so beautifully.

Sunday, Aug. 8, will see violinist Alexis Walls and pianist Lynelle James take to the stage. the stunning violin-piano duo will perform a program of Handel, Fauré, Gershwin, Kreisler, and Piazzolla. Walls has performed since age 12, including a concerto appearance at The Kennedy Center and for Pope John Paul II in Rome, while James performed since age five, appearing at eight with the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra in New Zealand and in Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center.

The final concert of the season will be on Aug. 15 with the Bob Sparkman Trio. No Sevenars summer would be complete without the glorious jazz collaboration of clarinetist Bob Sparkman, pianist Jerry Noble, and bass guitarist Kara Noble! The trio will lead listeners on a journey to many nostalgic destinations of the American Songbook. Tunes like “Stars Fell on Alabama,” “Can’t Get Indiana Off My Mind,” “Moonlight in Vermont,” and “Basin Street Blues” are only a few stops on this marvelous musical tour. Bob’s golden clarinet stylings reflect his experience at the last Eddie Condon’s Club and his playing with The Jazzmen, The Bourbon Street Six, the Gotham Jazz Band, and others — including a gig with Fats Waller’s trumpeter Herman Autry. Clifton “Jerry” Noble Jr., Bob’s longtime collaborator, brings his wealth of musical gifts as internationally known composer and pianist and adds his miraculous musical telepathy. With Kara Noble on bass, this tour is in good hands.

In addition to Sevenars live offerings, there are also some virtual offerings this year. In addition to some planned YouTube postings from concerts, there are at least two Zoom sessions in the works to enable communication with several of the artists. Those interested in these sessions should write to sevenars@aol.com to receive a Zoom link when available and offer any proposed questions for the artists in advance.

For more information, contact 413-238-5854 and leave a message or visit www.sevanars.org. Admission is by donation at the door; the suggested amount is \$20, but there is no charge for tickets. Free refreshments will be available.

This 2021 project is supported in part by The Cultural Councils of Ashfield, Becket, Blandford, Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Lee, Montgomery, Northampton, Plainfield, Russell, Southampton, West Springfield, and Worthington. These LCC’s are local agencies which are funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

HEROINE

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of the legislature over the year, the Community Health Center wouldn’t be here at all.”

She added, “my staff did an extraordinary job of turning on a dime and engaging hilltown residents.”

“The Community Health Center is stronger than ever before, I feel,” said Blais.

Lake also thanked the hard work of her staff in a statement. It’s been a team effort to make the HCHC what it is today.

“I share this recognition with a skilled and dedicated team of healthcare providers, staff, and volunteers who’ve personified our mission to create access to high quality integrated health care,” Lake stated. “This has been the most challenging year in our seven decades of service to our community, but I am proud that we continued to serve our community’s most vulnerable and hard-to-reach members through community partnerships, state-supported programs, and other support for our comprehensive care of our neighbors and friends.”

Lake and her staff have been meeting daily throughout the pandemic to continually adapt to the ever-changing situation, regulations, protocols, and newest developments. Throughout the turbulent time, they’ve been able to keep moving forward with remote assistance, telehealth, reopening the office, and keeping their services available to the region while having no layoffs, never closing their doors, and have no trans-

mission of Covid cases at the Health Center.

“Patients are still scheduling out because we have such a backlog,” Lake said. “We’re still taking precautions.”

HCHC can provide a variety of services including medical, dental, vision, and behavioral healthcare as well as other services and programs. The center also boasts a brand-new digital X-Ray machine, which can accommodate any person, through a Massachusetts State Development Grant.

“We rely very heavily on the state to support,” Lake said.

Lake also had an opportunity to speak during the pandemic about telehealth during one of Gov. Charlie Baker’s press conferences.

“It was quite a surreal experience,” said Lake. “I feel my career has been about representing the community. I really have been happy to be that voice, along with you [Blais].”

“It was incredible out of everyone in the Commonwealth, you were selected to speak,” Blais told her.

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women is an independent state agency that was legislatively created in 1998 to advance women of the Commonwealth to full equality in all areas of life and to promote their rights and opportunities. The MCSW provides a permanent, effective voice for the women of Massachusetts.

For more information on the HCHC and its services, visit www.hchcweb.org.

WILLIAMSBURG

Board returns in-person, masks recommended

By Peter Spotts

WILLIAMSBURG — The Selectboard is moving back to in-person meetings this summer as operations continue to open up across the Commonwealth transitioning out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Selectman Bill Sayre said the board elected to take the Board of Health’s recommendation to recommend residents where masks inside public places, but it is not a requirement.

“They’re recommended that masks be worn inside our buildings. It’s not a requirement but a recommendation,” Sayre said.

The board is shifting their previously virtual meetings to in-person, but will be maintaining the same 9 a.m. Thursday morning start time.

“For now, we’re going to continue with morning 9 a.m. meetings because that allows the staff to attend the meetings inside normal work hours,” Sayre said. “If there’s a need or request to meet in the evening, we could probably accommodate that.”

Sayre added the Selectboard will continue to weak masks during the meeting, as will staff. However, if a meeting attendee chooses not to wear a mask, they won’t be prohibited from joining the meeting.

The board is also looking into incorporating their previous virtual meetings into their in-person meetings. The state has extended the use of virtual meetings through April 1, 2022. However, Town Clerk Brenda Lessard noted virtual issues during a hybrid virtual and in-person meeting can cause the meeting to be cancelled.

“The board felt that was important to be meeting in person and that citizens can come in in-person,” Sayre said. “We’re working on providing a virtual component in the future. We need some time to get the equipment and make that happen.”

“If Zoom goes down, they have to cancel the rest of the meeting. They have to be careful of that,” Lessard said.

The state does not allow meetings to happen in either scenario, which is good for groups that prefer to meet in-person and accommodates those who still wish to remain remote for the time being.

“They’re allowing cities and towns to remain doing Zoom, if they choose. They don’t have to, it’s their choice,” Lessard said. “I think it’s a good thing. There are some committees that only want to meet in-person, so they haven’t been meeting a lot.”

Towns will also be allowed to have remote Town Meetings and a lower Annual Town Meeting requirement through Dec. 15. This does not affect Williamsburg as Lessard pointed out the town has already held it’s ATM for the year.

Local student earns honors

WILLIAMSBURG — Kenna Yarrows was named to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2021 Semester at University of Rhode Island.

To be included on the Dean’s List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.





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WESTHAMPTON

Selectboard discusses reopening plans

By Shelby Macri

WESTHAMPTON — The Selectboard met with the Board of Health on Monday, June 21, to discuss lifting the of state of emergency and opening the Town Hall.

Board of Health chair Thomas Martin gave COVID-19 numbers and updates to the Selectboard; when the topic of Town Hall opening came up, Martin said it shouldn't be an issue as long as the current mask mandate is enforced. Martin said the Board of Health's recommendation is to continue wearing masks, though Selectboard member Terri Anderson said she'd like to see masks required in the Town Hall regardless of vacancies.

Anderson said she'd like people to wear masks and socially distance while in the building, as a precaution for the small areas in Town Hall. Board of Health member Robbie Armenti agreed with Anderson. During the discussion, Highway Superintendent William Jablonski mentioned the state allows

people to not wear masks and he's seen that people have been using that freedom. Martin said there should be a clear discussion and posting at the Town Hall if the board decides to regulate masks regardless of the state guidance. He mentioned that although the state lifted restrictions, the Town is an individual entity and can require masks.

It was mentioned that after the Annual Town Meeting people were debating outside the Town Hall on whether they had to wear masks inside and someone mentioned state guidance allows them to not wear a mask inside. This reason had a hand in Martin asking for specific postings if the Town Hall will require masks regardless of the vaccine.

After further discussion, the Selectboard agreed to follow the state guidance, but to have postings on the Town Hall asking non-vaccinated people to wear a mask for the protection of Town Hall workers.

The Selectboard discussed lifting the state of emergency after hearing that

numbers are steadily decreasing and are significantly different from in March 2020, when the state of emergency was enacted. At first the board discussed lifting the state of emergency in two weeks to give departments at Town Hall time to prepare for the change. They then discussed having it be lifted in a few days so the website could be updated to notify residents of the change, and to have proper postings on the Town Hall regarding masks. Though after deciding to open town hall with mask restrictions according to state guidelines, the board voted to lift the restriction Monday night, as mask postings are currently at the Town Hall.

This brought the discussion to readying boards for returning to office hours. The board discussed virtual office hours and allowing boards to continue virtual meetings. The Selectboard mentioned people have gotten accustomed to the virtual meetings and working hours. Anderson opened the conversation of allowing virtual meetings to continue per state guidance thru the end of September. This was agreed on by the Selectboard

and they discussed the option of different boards and commissions being able to hold virtual office hours.

While the virtual meetings were extended the Selectboard decided they needed more information on whether it's plausible for people to effectively and efficiently run office hours virtually. The Selectboard discussed the all boards meeting and decided to hold it in September in order for new members to be included as well; the board decided to collect more information on the boards and how they're currently holding and handling their office hours.

Since they decided to open the Town Hall to workers and residents, the board agreed to allow recreational use of the Town Hall as long as they can assure safety protocols are being followed during the recreational event. There are postings for masks on the Town Hall and there will be an announcement on the town website to make sure all residents are aware of the change. For updates and more information visit the town website at www.westhampton-ma.com.

READY FOR DUTY



Four Westhampton volunteer firefighters recently completed the final step, in the Hampshire Basic 6 new firefighters program, of live fire training on Sunday, June 13, in Sunderland. Junior Firefighter Mckenzie Nichols aided with fireground operations and the air trailer. The training also included members from the towns of Goshen, Hadley, Hatfield, Williamsburg and Worthington. The live fire burn trailer is the last training in the Hampshire County Basic 6 course. Pictures, from left, are Christopher Dunn, Zachary Pruzynski, Bridget Diggins, McKenzie Nichols and Austin Norris.

Local resident earns academic honor

WESTHAMPTON — Kylene Labrecque was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2021 Semester at the University of Rhode Island.

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Summer reading kicks off Saturday, June 26

WESTHAMPTON — Kick-off summer with a full slate of programming at the Westhampton Public Library. The fun begins on Saturday, June 26, with the "Cats vs. Dogs Epic Showdown" kickoff this year's summer reading program at 11 a.m.

All ages are welcome to join the library for the summer reading kickoff. This year the library is working within the CSLP theme of "Tails and Tales." Readers will choose their team and read to earn points for Cats or Dogs. All adult participants will be entered into a raffle to win a gift card to Thornes Marketplace. To register, contact Youth Service Librarian Emily Wayne at ewayne@cwmares.org with the reader's name and choice of team, or stop by the library to fill out a paper form.

"Coming out of Covid" will be an art show featuring the Hilltown plein Air Painters. The group was able to paint outside during covid at local conservation areas and other scenic settings. Paintings were also done from photographs of past travels and from personal inspirations during quarantine. The exhibit represents the impact of the pandemic and that the creative process and support from the group members continued to nourish and strengthen the artists despite the challenges of the pandemic. The paintings will be displayed from July 2 thru Aug. 31.

Tom Ricardi hosts Birds of Prey on

Saturday, July 10, at 11 a.m. Join the library in the library yard to learn about different birds of prey with licensed rehabilitator and wildlife biologist Tom Ricardi. All ages are welcome.

Wayne will host Art Journaling for Teen on Wednesday, July 14, at 2 p.m. Wayne will demonstrate how to create a visual diary of thoughts, dreams, and memories. Participants will be provided with a journal to keep. Email ewayne@cwmares.org to register for this event.

Local Author Nancy Ronan and Comet, a therapy dog from Bright Spot, on Saturday, July 17, at 11 a.m. Learn about their new book "Comet Goes Geocaching." Children and families of all ages are welcome.

Three Bright Spot Therapy Dogs will return to the library on Tuesday, July 20, at 2 p.m. Participants will earn double points for their summer reading team. If readers cannot join the event in-person, earn extra points by reading to a pet or toy at home. Email ewayne@cwmares.org to sign up for a reading slot.

Thursday, July 29, will feature Pajama Storytime and Stuffed Animal Sleepover. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. and participants can come snuggle with their favorite stuffed friends in their pajamas for story time with Wayne. Plush friends are invited to sleep over at the library and photos of their adventures overnight in the library will be shared on social media.

Resident graduates from Endicott College

WESTHAMPTON — Haley Marek graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Endicott College.

Marek is the daughter of Jo-Ellen Marek and Walter Marek III.

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- 30. Nose
- 31. Friend
- 33. Country music legend Haggard
- 34. Curved
- 38. More deformed

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Excessively showy
- 39. Bleated
- 40. Set on its end
- 43. An aspect of Ra
- 44. Releasing hormone (abbr.)
- 45. Harsh, grating noise
- 49. __ Francisco
- 50. Common Japanese surname
- 51. Punish with an arbitrary penalty
- 53. Football position (abbr.)
- 54. Not in the know
- 56. African antelope
- 58. Popular tech (abbr.)
- 59. Baseball teams get three of them
- 60. Make up one's mind
- 63. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 64. Martens
- 65. Susan and Tom are two

- 2. Put an end to
- 3. Blood disorder
- 4. Ingredient in wine
- 5. Shellfish
- 6. Made smaller
- 7. We
- 8. The Treasure State
- 9. __ Eklund, actress
- 10. Male parent
- 13. One hundredth of a watt (abbr.)
- 14. Dish of minced meat
- 15. Smothered laugh
- 20. Article
- 21. Atomic #12
- 22. Small parrot
- 23. Fictional "Star Wars" planet
- 27. French wine grape
- 29. Football stat (abbr.)
- 30. Sound unit
- 31. Where you sleep
- 32. University of Dayton
- 33. Miller beer offering
- 34. Feel embarrassed
- 35. Able to be estimated
- 36. Commune in NW France
- 37. Adult female chicken
- 38. Intergovernmental organization
- 40. Archaic term for until
- 41. That which is not sacred
- 42. Sound made in speech
- 44. Handgun (slang)
- 45. Fill up again
- 46. Evoke or awaken
- 47. Beam Me Up, __!
- 48. Spider wasp genus
- 50. Headdress
- 51. Exclamation of surprise
- 52. Of I
- 54. Figures
- 55. Men's fashion accessories
- 57. Indicates position
- 61. Megabyte
- 62. The Prairie State

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPES

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
A setback of some kind may occur this week, Aries. Do not get too worried about it just yet. Adversity can be an excellent avenue toward personal growth.

CANCER
Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you are on the move this week, but it is ideal to have a plan and not leave things to chance. Look ahead and see if you can pinpoint potential pitfalls.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
When someone asks for your help drawing up a travel itinerary, you have plenty of ideas at the ready. Put all of your effort into the task and enjoy the fun.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
You may be easily swayed this week by a smooth-talking stranger. Figure out if this person can be trusted by offering opportunities to prove his or her trustworthiness.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you may need to postpone a project you were hoping to begin this week. As long as it does not get pushed any further, you should be fine.

LEO
Jul 23/Aug 23
It's possible to achieve great things this week, Leo. Your accomplishments will ultimately depend on how much you are able to focus on the tasks at hand.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
Responsibilities will be easier to handle very soon, Scorpio. The tasks won't become less difficult, but there are plenty of helping hands ready to back you up.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
You may think that an opportunity has passed you by. But don't get too worried just yet. It's possible to regain your momentum quite quickly.

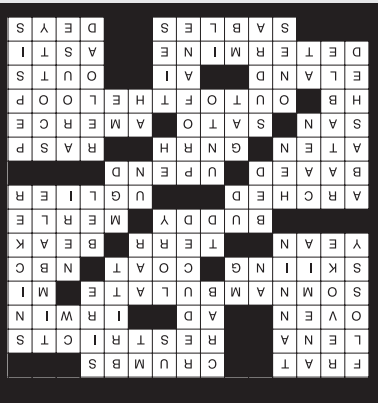
GEMINI
May 22/Jun 21
It is easy to get carried away with an idea, Gemini. Just do not mistake obsession for focus. You need to pace yourself if you are going to be effective.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
A financial windfall or a new job opportunity may be coming your way, Virgo. This will be the breakthrough you need right now after a series of setbacks.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21
You could find yourself in a position where you can take on a leadership role. Do not hesitate to accept this promotion because it can be great for your career.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
You may have to admit that the plan you put in place has a few kinks to be worked out. These modifications are relatively simple.

answers



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The 2021 Atlantic hurricane season begins this month

FRAMINGHAM — June 1 marks the official start of the Atlantic hurricane season, which runs through Nov. 30. While most hurricanes and tropical storms, which have hit New England, occurred during August and September, residents are encouraged to take time now to begin preparing before a storm. Throughout hurricane season, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency will share preparedness information to help residents be aware of and prepare for, the impacts of hurricanes and tropical storms.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration seasonal outlook predicts another active, above-normal, Atlantic hurricane season. While NOAA is not expecting the historic activity seen last year, it only takes one storm to make landfall and severely affect an area.

The beginning of hurricane season is a timely reminder for all residents to prepare for the effects of a hurricane by learning if you live in a hurricane evacuation zone, developing an emergency plan, building an emergency kit, and staying informed before, during, and after the storm.

Hurricanes and tropical storms can have an impact on the entire Commonwealth, not just coastal communities. This year marks the 10th anniversary of Tropical Storm Irene, which produced severe flooding damage in com-

munities throughout Central and Western Massachusetts in 2011. All Massachusetts residents need to prepare for the possibility of storm impacts to learn more about the hazards and how to prepare. They may visit MEMA's hurricane webpage www.mass.gov/mema/hurricanes.

Massachusetts has designated hurricane evacuation zones, designated as Zone A, Zone B, and Zone C, for areas of the state at risk for storm surge flooding associated with tropical storms or hurricanes. If evacuations are necessary because of a tropical storm or hurricane, local or state officials will notify people living, working, or vacationing in evacuation zones to leave the area. Even areas not directly along a coastline may be at risk for storm surge flooding during a tropical storm or hurricane. Find out if you are in a hurricane evacuation zone by visiting the 'Know Your Zone' interactive map located on MEMA's website at www.mass.gov/knowyourzone.

Develop a plan with a family members of what to do, how to find each other and how to communicate in a tropical storm or hurricane. An emergency plan should include:

- Meeting locations
- Emergency contact information
- Evacuation plans
- Shelter-in-place plans
- Considerations for family members with access and functional needs, and pets

For details, people may see <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/make-a-family-emergency-plan>.

Build an emergency kit containing items that will sustain you and your family if you are isolated for three to five days without power or unable to go to a store. Emergency kits are essential during hurricane season due to potential extended power outages, flooding, and impassable debris-covered roads. While it is important to customize your kit to meet the unique needs of you and your family, every emergency kit should include bottled water, food, a flashlight, a radio and extra batteries, a first aid kit and personal and hygiene items. Depending on your family's needs, emergency kits should also include medications, spare eyeglasses, medical equipment and supplies and children's items such as diapers and formula. Food and supplies for pets and service animals should also be part of the kit. For a complete emergency kit checklist, people may visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/build-an-emergency-kit>.

Receiving warnings, timely emergency alerts and information from public officials is critical to staying safe during a tropical storm or hurricane. Every family should have multiple methods for receiving emergency alerts. Learn more about different types of alerting and information tools, including the Emergency Alert System, Wireless Emergency Alerts,

NOAA Weather Radio, social and traditional media, 2-1-1 Hotline, local notification systems, and more: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/be-informed-and-receive-emergency-alerts>.

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OBITUARIES

David E. West

David E. West passed away May 10, 2021 and Nancy E. Paul West passed away Feb. 17, 2021. Calling hours for both David and Nancy will be held at the First Congregational Church of Williamsburg, 4 North Main Street, Williamsburg, MA on Friday, June 25 from 4 to 7 p.m. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday,

June 26 at 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Williamsburg, 4 North Main Street, Williamsburg, MA.

The memorial service will be live streamed, at the First Congregational Church of Williamsburg Facebook page or burgychurch.org. Williamsburg Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Town of Blandford Conservation Commission Legal Notice

At its regularly scheduled meeting on **Monday, June 28 6:00 p.m.** at the Blandford Town Hall, 1 Russell Stage Road, Blandford, the Blandford Conservation Commission will consider a Notice of Intent (NOI) related to the **19J5 Distribution Line Installation Project proposed along North Blandford and Gore Road** in the Town of Blandford. The Request was submitted by **BSC Group Inc.** on behalf of **Eversource Energy**. The Commission will make its determination in accordance with the provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c 131, Sec. 40 (as amended).

Plans and additional information are on record in the Office of the Conservation Commission. Please call

(413) 848 4279 X202 to make arrangements to review Plans.

Dick Gates, Chair
Town of Blandford
Conservation Commission
06/24/2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
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Northampton, MA 01060
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Docket No. HS21 P0327EA
Estate of: WARREN MEEK
Date of Death:
February 16, 2021
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appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 06/24/2021

WASHINGTON PUBLIC NOTICE

The Conservation Commission for the Town of Washington will hold a remote public meeting pursuant to M.G.L., c 131, section 40, the Wetlands Protection Act on **July 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** to act on the following: **Request for Determination for Applicability** filed by Silvca of 1227 Washington Mt. Rd, Map 208, Lot 17 for the proposed replacement of an existing septic system within the buffer zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. Instructions for the public to access the meeting can be found at: Washington-Ma.com 06/24/2021

DEATH NOTICES

Chaffee, Sr., William O.

Died Jan. 24, 2018
Memorial Service Monday, June 28, 11 a.m.
Center Cemetery, Worthington

West, David E.

Died May 10, 2021
Memorial Service Saturday, June 26 at 2 p.m.
First congregational Church of Williamsburg

Paul West, Nancy E.

Died Feb. 17, 2021
Memorial Service Saturday, June 26, at 2 p.m.
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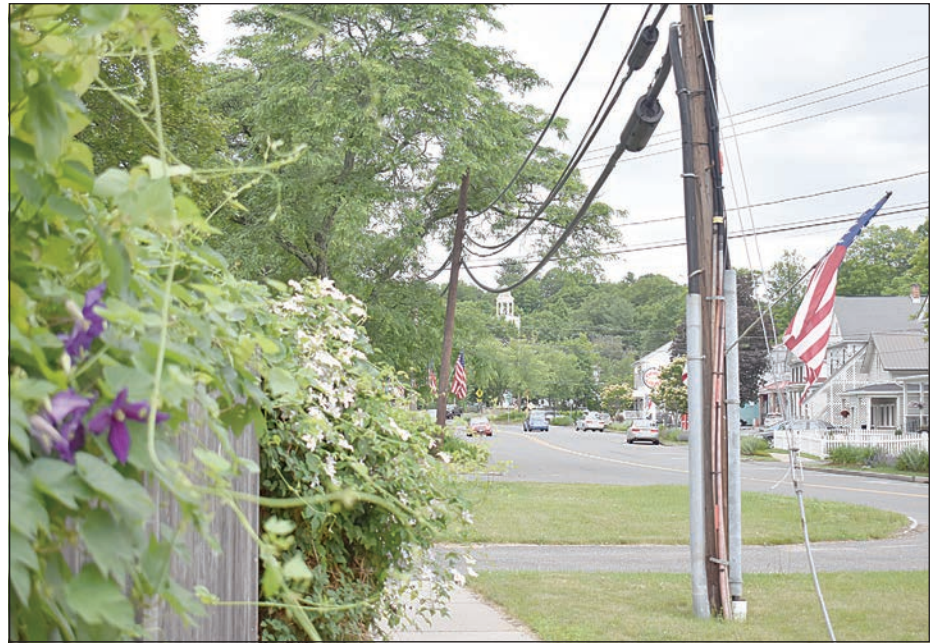
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